(a) whether it is a fact that spurious drugs have flooded the markets in the country; and

(b) whether Government consider it necessary to impart training on the spurious drugs for the concerned health workers?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) As per feedback available from the State licensing authorities during the period 2000-2001, 2001-2002 & 2002-2003 36947, 34574 and 36314 samples were tested and out of which 112,98 and 125 samples were found spurious respectively. Thus, there does not appear to be any flooding of the markets in the country by spurious drugs.

(b) 26 Drug Control Officers from the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Goa, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Pondicherry, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, UP and 2 Officers of CDSCO, have attended a training programme on 24-27 June, 2003 at FDA Mumbai, on investigational skills concerning developing intelligence, investigation, drafting of complaint and effective follow up of the cases filed in the court of law. The training acquired would help them in gaining expertise in tackling the menace of spurious drugs.

Shortage of Water in Safdarjung Hospital

2775. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Safdarjung Hospital, Delhi has been facing an acute shortage of water since the on-set of summer;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that due to acute shortage of water, the Hospital authorities have been forced to compromise on hygiene in the Hospital; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) to (d) Due to short supply of water from New Delhi Municipal Council and drying of few tube wells, there has been shortage of water in Safdarjung Hospital. To overcome this shortage,

the situation has been reviewed by the High Powered Idgah Abattoir Committee constituted by the Delhi High Court for supply of adequate and wholesome drinking water in Delhi on 29-4-2003. The following decisions were taken :—

1. A direct line for water supply to Safdarjung Hospital by the Delhi Jal Board.
2. Augmenting the supply of water by the NDMC.
3. Re-boring of the dried tube wells.

New Delhi Municipal Council and Delhi Jal Board have also agreed to augment the water supply.

Laboratories Registered Under PNDT Act

2776. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Genetic Counselling Centres, Genetic Laboratories and Genetic Clinics registered under the Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act in Andhra Pradesh as on date, district-wise;

(b) whether general clinics in the State have also been permitted to use Ultrasound machines for various purposes including pre-birth sex determination;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps taken to prevent misuse of such clinics for female foeticide in the State?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) There are 1949 institutions registered in the State of Andhra Pradesh under the Pre-natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994 as on 30-6-2003, out of which 913 have been registered as Genetic Counselling Centres (GCC) Genetic Laboratories (GL) and Genetic Clinics (GC). The District-wise break-up is given in Statement I. (*See* below)

(b) and (c) Use of ultrasound machines is not permissible for pre-birth detection/disclosure of sex of foetus of pregnant woman. Under the